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Military, community honor fallen Warriors



Photo by Jimmy McSalters, Multimedia /Visual Information Service Center

Garrison Command Sergeant Major James E. Ervin; assisted by Spc. Evan Hite and Spc. Americo Sedillo, both from 92nd Eng. Bn.; Barbara Martin, Geo Vista Credit Union; P.J. Schneider, Hinesville Military Affairs Committee; and Paul Spence, Veteran of the Year and chairman of the Liberty County Veterans Organization Council; place the first of 450 brigade Colors prepared by Spc. Hite and Spc. Sedillo at Cottrell Field, Dec. 2. See complete story in next week's Frontline.

Marne Terrace demolition begins

J. Elise Van Pool
Fort Stewart Public Affairs

The steady hum of the diesel engine of an excavator filled the early morning air as a small group of men gathered to mark this auspicious occasion. It was the culmination of many months of hard work, and all present were glad the day had finally arrived. Marne Terrace, the oldest remaining housing area on Fort Stewart, began its final phase of demolition as the excavator raised its bucket and sent it crashing through the roof of the empty building,

See DEMOLITION

Nov. 25.

Completed in 1977, Marne Terrace has been home to thousands of Army Families over the years. The demolition of the housing area was part of an 11-year plan to totally renovate housing on post. However, the demolition was moved up when it was discovered the units were deteriorating faster than previously thought.

"This is a step forward for us," said Col. Kevin Milton, garrison commander of Fort Stewart. "We were sinking more money in renovation and keeping them up to date than we would to build new ones."

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Spartans assume authority of Ninewa province



Pfc. Gregory Gieske, 2nd HBCT, 3rd ID Public Affairs

Color Guard Soldiers from 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division and 3rd HBCT, 1st Cavalry Division await to unveil the Spartan Colors for the fourth time in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom during a Transfer of Authority ceremony held at FOB Marez, Iraq, Dec. 1. See Page 4A

Army, Air Force test new program

Sgt. Johnathon Jobson,
Task Force Marne Public Affairs

CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE SPEICHER, Iraq – The Army and Air Force have always worked together to move troops and equipment within a theater of operations. In the past, this meant Army units going to the higher levels of the Air Force to request air movements.

For the last month, the Ohio Air National Guard's 164th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron has been working with Task Force

Marne at Contingency Operating Base Speicher as part of a test program to see the effectiveness of eliminating a level of hierarchy.

Before the test program Army units would have to contact the Air Force's Air Mobility Command to request a flight to move their personnel or equipment that couldn't be moved via Army helicopters. For the test program, the Air Force has a squadron with two C-130 "Hercules" planes attached to the 25th Infantry Division's Combat Aviation Brigade.

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3rd CAB arrives in Afghanistan

Spc. Monica K. Smith
3rd CAB Public Affairs

BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan — Soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division's Combat Aviation Brigade made history as they uncased their Colors in a transfer of authority ceremony at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, Nov. 24.

"The 3rd Infantry Division is a world-renowned fighting organization that is known for two things: starting a fight, and finishing one," said Col. Don Galli, commander of the 3rd CAB. "The Marne Air Brigade is dedicated to

that purpose as the first combat brigade from the 3rd Infantry Division to join the fight in Afghanistan."

The majority of Soldiers from the 3rd CAB, now Task Force Falcon, based out of Hunter Army Airfield began arriving in late summer in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Taking over for 159th CAB (Task Force Thunder), 101st Airborne Division, the 3rd CAB will fall under the 82nd Airborne Division's operations in and around Regional Command East.

As Task Force Falcon took control, they paid homage to the outgoing Task Force Thunder.

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Stewart-Hunter to enhance searches

Directorate of Emergency
Services

When entering or exiting the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield installations, you and your vehicle are subject to being searched. Stewart-Hunter has a Random Anti-terrorism Measure Program in place, which means that selected random

vehicles will be searched at any of the Access Control Points (gates) when entering or exiting the Installation.

Beginning Dec. 13, in addition to the vehicles being searched, all passengers over the age of 15 will be searched by handheld electronic devices. This measure has been put into place to ensure your safety while on the installation.



From the CSMs Desk: Remember our Soldiers over the holidays

Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin
Garrison Command Sergeant Major

I trust that you and your Family had a wonderful Thanksgiving. If you are here without Family, I'm hoping that at least one of our professionals here extended an invitation to you to enjoy Thanksgiving with their Family. For those of you who missed that opportunity, Christmas is right around the corner.

The commander and I are not only hoping that you invite some of our Family here to your home for the holidays, we are trusting that you will reach out now to touch the hearts of our, your and America's Soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Sending care packages to loved ones serving in Iraq, Afghanistan or other locations helps Families stay connected and boosts morale of troops overseas. If you haven't mailed your packages yet, you still have 15 days to ensure the package reaches your Soldier by Christmas.

Now that you are ready to beat the deadline, let's talk about some rules you must follow to ensure your Soldier will receive your package. Here are some of

the military guidelines that need to be considered to ensure your package arrives safely.

Some of the specific articles that are prohibited are:

- Alcohol and any obscene articles (prints, paintings, cards, films, videotapes, etc.). Any matter depicting nude or semi nude persons, pornographic or sexual items, or unauthorized political materials.

- Bulk quantities of religious materials contrary to the Islamic faith. Items for the personal use of the addressee are permissible.

- Pork or pork by-products. Afghanistan and Iraq are very strict Islamic nations, and we abide by their rules when it comes to what we send there.

If you are in direct contact with your Soldier, you can ask him or her what items he is not allowed to receive. These could be items that their specific group is not allowed to have due to their own internal military restrictions, or it could be some specific restrictions on certain



items that they know would be offensive to the locals.

Additionally, since our troops are looking forward to your letters and packages, it's important to make sure your mail gets there, to the right person, in the right place. Follow these tips:

- Use the servicemember's full name. The Department of Defense cancelled the "Any servicemember program" so mail must be addressed to someone specific.
- Always include a return address.
- Include the unit and APO/FPO.

Examples:

SSGT Kevin Taylor
Unit 2050 Box 4190
APO AP 96278-2050

SGT Robert Smith
PSC 802 Box 74
APO AE 09499-0074

Seaman Joseph Doe
USCGC Hamilton

FPO AP 96667-3931
SGT Jane Doe
CMR 1250
APO AA 09045-1000

For a comprehensive list of military and postal guidelines regarding shipping to Iraq or Afghanistan, please call the Military Postal Service at (800) 810-6098 or visit the USPS Web site at www.usps.com/communications/newsroom/2009/holiday/hpr.htm.

Also, remember to use the many other resources available to communicate with your Soldier.

The most available means to communicate is by e-mail from your home computer, or use the Internet for free at the Army Community Services' Family Readiness Center, in building 87, near the Main Exchange at Stewart, or building 1286 at Hunter.

Video teleconference capabilities are also available; call ACS at (912) 767-5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter for more information.

Editor's Note: Please see page 8A for the holiday mailing deadlines.

DEMOLITION

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The process of demolition began several months ago when workers started removing glass, metal and other materials from the homes. The buildings were also inspected for asbestos and other hazardous materials before the buildings could be torn down. In all, 108 homes will be torn down.

Ninety-eight more homes will be built by 2011, on a site adjacent to Marne Terrace. Once those are completed, the Marne Terrace site will have new homes built on it. The new homes are expected to be completed

by 2017.

The demolition is expected to take several months as each house is torn down and the debris is sorted and recycled. Approximately 90 percent of the material will be recycled, including all of the metal, wood, and even cement used in the homes.

Additionally, all of the cabinets taken from the homes will be used in the urban training facilities on post to make buildings more realistic. The doors will also be used by Soldiers to practice blowing them in.

J. Elise Van Pool

An excavator demolishes the first Marne Terrace home at Fort Stewart, Nov. 25. This is the first of 108 homes that will be torn down to make room for new housing to be built by 2011.



Under Secretary of the Army visits 3rd CAB

Spc. Monica K. Smith, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs
Chief Warrant Officer Dan Lynn (right), Company B, 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, Task Force Knight Hawk, Task Force Falcon, answers questions from the Under Secretary of the Army, Dr. Joseph Westphal, during a visit by Westphal to the Falcon Brigade at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, Nov. 25.

We're here to help!

If you or someone you know is experiencing a life-threatening emergency or is attempting to commit suicide, the first response is to call 911. For other urgent mental health concerns, specialists are available:

During normal duty hours (Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.):

Fort Stewart Behavioral Health Clinic (1083 Worcester Avenue, building 9242): (912) 767-1654

Fort Stewart Family Life Chaplains: (912) 767-1814/5409

Mental Health Community/Military and Family Life Consultants (1083 Worcester Avenue, building 9242): (912) 767-1647

Family Support Issues/Family Readiness Center (191 Lindquist Road, building 87): (912) 767-5058

Hunter Army Airfield Tuttle Army Health Clinic (230 Duncan Drive, building 1440): (912) 315-4240/6125

During non-duty hours:

Winn Army Community Emergency Room (1061 Harmon Ave): 911

On Call Chaplain: Contact the Division Operations Center (24/7) at (912) 435-9732/9733 to request chaplain assistance for yourself or for someone you believe is depressed and in danger of harming themselves

Suicide Prevention Hotline Line 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

Army OneSource Help Line 1-800-342-9647



BEHIND THE LENS



Staff Sgt. Tanya Polk

Senior noncommissioned officers and officers of the 4th IBCT join in a short prayer before serving Soldiers and Family Members a Thanksgiving meal at the Vanguard DFAC, Nov. 25.

Soldiers, Families share Thanksgiving meal

Staff Sgt. Tanya Polk
4th IBCT Public Affairs

Traditionally in the United States, Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks – for harvest, and to others for many blessings. The Army also celebrates this longtime American tradition as officers and senior noncommissioned officers serve a holiday feast to Soldiers and Family Members at installation dining facilities.

“It’s very important to give back to our Soldiers and serve them a Thanksgiving meal,” said Sgt. 1st Class Roy Gunn, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, who served at

the Vanguard Dining Facility on Fort Stewart. “We are one big Army Family. To see all of our brothers and sisters in uniform and their Families together, enjoying a good meal, was more than a blessing.”

Third Infantry Division Soldiers and Family Members stood in lines that wrapped around the Vanguard, Provider and Warriors in Transition dining facilities, Nov. 25, to feast on everything from shrimp cocktail, roast turkey and pineapple baked ham to candied sweet potatoes, cornbread dressing and, of course, assorted pies.

The Rangers served their holiday meal at Hunter Army Airfield, Nov. 24, and the 1st Heavy Brigade Combat

Team opened their dining facility doors to troops on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26.

Additionally, the installation dining facilities used the holiday to showcase culinary expertise as food service personnel participated in the 2009 Thanksgiving Best Dining Facility Competition.

Soldier-cooks prepared cakes, hung holiday decorations and even carved ice sculptures in a race to win the five categories.

The winners are as follows:

Best Decorated Dining Facility - 1st HBCT’s Raider DFAC; runner up, 4th IBCT Vanguard DFAC

Best Thanksgiving Ice Carving – 4th IBCT Vanguard DFAC

Best Thanksgiving Centerpieces – 3rd Sustainment Brigade Provider DFAC

Best Decorated Cakes - Warrior in Transition Battalion DFAC

Best Fallen Comrade Dedication – 1st HBCT Raider DFAC

“This competition was a plus for dining facilities at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield,” said Master Sgt. Dante Sampson, 4th IBCT Food Service supervisor. “The hard work and dedication truly led up to the overall success of the awesome Thanksgiving Day meals served in all dining facilities.”



Staff Sgt. Tanya Polk

Sergeants First Class Roy Gunn and Shannon McCrary, both assigned to HHC, 4th IBCT, help serve Soldiers and Family Members at the Vanguard Brigade DFAC, Nov. 25.



Staff Sgt. Tanya Polk

Soldiers help themselves to a plethora of side dishes at the Vanguard Dining Facility’s Thanksgiving meal, Nov. 25



Sgt. 1st Class Rhonda Lawson

Officers and senior noncommissioned officers of the 3rd Sustainment Brigade serve a Thanksgiving meal to troops at the Provider DFAC, Nov. 25.



Sgt. 1st Class Rhonda Lawson

Captain Vanessa Parker, HHC, 3rd Sustainment Brigade company commander, serves pies to Soldiers at the Provider DFAC, Nov. 25.

Spartans assume authority of Ninewa province

Pfc. Crystal M. O'Neal
2nd HBCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE, MAREZ, Iraq – Five Soldiers marched side-by-side at a close interval carrying 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division's Colors, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division's Colors and the American flag down

an aisle filled on both sides with Soldiers.

The five Soldiers simultaneously took the stage, executed a number of precise turns and movements and finally ended with 2nd HBCT, 3rd ID's Colors on the right side of 3rd HBCT, 1st Cav. Div.'s Colors.

These Soldiers and their movements were a part of a transfer of authority ceremony held at Forward Operating Base Marez in northern Iraq, Dec. 1, signifying

2nd HBCT, 3rd ID's assumption of authority of Ninewa province from 3rd HBCT, 1st Cav. Div.

The Spartan Soldiers accepted their responsibility and call to duty as they have so many times in the past. In fact, the brigade, constituted in 1917, has fought in several wars, including World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Cold War.

Upon uncasing its Colors at the ceremony, the Spartan Brigade began its fourth tour in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. It began March 2003, with its seize of Baghdad and removal of dictator Saddam Hussein.

Major General Tony Cucolo, the Task Force Marne Commander, thanked the Greywolves for all their accomplishments in the Ninewa province, and challenged the Spartans to pick up where the Greywolves left off – as partners with their Iraqi counterparts, advising and assisting them as they progressed in their capability to provide security.

"This ceremony is important; today, the departing unit on this day commits, again, to never forget the sacrifices they made here, and the arriving unit acknowledges that there may be more sacrifice ahead, and commits to carry on in a manner that honors those who committed sacrifices before them," said Maj. Gen. Cucolo. "All of this means to our Iraqi partners that we remain committed to you and your success."

According to Col. Charles E. A. Sexton, 2nd HBCT commander, the Spartans are ready to continue what the Greywolves started and make the Ninewa province a better, safer place.

"Partnered with our Iraqi counterparts and the people of Iraq, we will make this dream of a safer Iraq a reality," said Col. Sexton. "We will, as a team, work together representing the people of the United States and the people of Iraq, standing shoulder to shoulder to make Ninewa better than how the Greywolf Soldiers left it."

"This is our promise: hope for a better future in Iraq that will not perish."



Pfc. Gregory Gieske, 2nd HBCT, 3rd ID Public Affairs

Colonel Charles E.A. Sexton, 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Valmond Martin, 2nd HBCT, unveil the Spartan Colors during a Transfer of Authority ceremony held at the FOB Marez Community Activity Center, Dec. 1.

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SpC. Monica K. Smith

Colonel Don Galli (right), commander of the 3rd CAB, and the 3rd CAB Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Stidley, uncasing the brigade colors during a transfer of authority ceremony at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, Nov. 24.

"(The 159th CAB has) served our Nation and the cause of freedom in Afghanistan with honor, and you have added to the legend of the 101st Airborne Division, Air Assault," said Col. Galli. "Your brigade has set the standard by which all of Army Aviation will be measured. Today, as we transfer authority from Task Force Thunder to Task Force Falcon, the records we seek to break are yours."

Though the majority of the brigade arrived in November, components of the brigade began deploying from Hunter Army Airfield as early as September.

"All National Guard units have a deployment cycle (that is) 12-months long, including their mobilization time, which results in about nine months in country before having to go home," said 3rd CAB Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Stidley. "Because their cycle is off from the CAB, we sent out our Medical Evacuation Company ahead to take on the missions of the outgoing National Guard MEDEVAC company."

The 3rd CAB is organized by four multifunctional task forces comprised of UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters and MEDEVAC helicopters, AH-64D Apache Longbow attack helicopters, CH-47D Chinook helicopters, and the OH-58 Kiowa Warriors. In addition the 3rd CAB benefits from the skills of their aviation support battalion and an integrated reserve component from Texas.

This deployment marks the brigade's fourth deployment since 2003 in support of an Era of Persistent Conflict. The brigade's previous deployments were during the initial invasion into Iraq in 2003, OIF III in 2005 and OIF V in 2007.

CORRECTION TO THE FRONTLINE: A photo that appeared in the Nov. 26 edition of Frontline, page 10A, for the article "Soldiers, Family Members cut ribbon on CDC" incorrectly identified Command Sgt. Major McArthur Dixon as the DSTB command sergeant major. His correct title is the IMCOM Southeast Region DPW sergeant major. The DSTB command sergeant major is Command Sgt. Major Byron Loyd.

Marne Voices Speak Out

What is your holiday wish?

"I would like to meet the star of 'Twilight', an I-Phone touch, and for my dad to be safe in Iraq."

Brenda Carone
11 years old



"I would like for my dad to come home and some V-Teks."

Kaleb Thomas
6 years old



"I wish to be with my Family and spend time with them and have a good time"

Countess Osborne
10 years old



"I would like for my dad to come, new shoes, and a glow dome."

Zachery Thomas
6 years old



"I would like a motor scooter, Barbies, a fake car, and for my Dad to come home for Christmas."

Tianna McGrath
5 years old



"I wish my dad could come home, a pocket rocket, and a drum set."

Devin Rogers
9 years old

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3rd Sustainment earns top honors in retention

Spc. Gaelen Lowers
3rd Sustainment Bde.
Public Affairs

Retention is the Army's way of keeping its best-and-brightest Soldiers. Without experienced Soldiers and noncommissioned officers, the Army would have a hard time accomplishing its mission.

That is why the 3rd Sustainment Brigade puts forth a major effort to retain the great Soldiers and leaders it has.

"We go above and beyond," said Sgt. First Class Stacey Everett, Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Bde. retention NCO. "Its great to take care of Soldiers."

The brigade held a small ceremony with its retention NCOs and command teams, Nov. 24. Each battalion was recognized for their effort in accomplishing their mission, although the STB received something a little bit extra.

"The STB, 3rd Sustainment Bde. was recognized as the top battalion in the brigade," said Sgt. 1st Class Everett. "We went above and beyond the mission of last year."

The brigade itself was awarded with a little extra this year as well.

"The top-level award is a division-level award called the Marne Strong Award," said Master Sgt. Mike Harris, the 3rd Sustainment Bde. retention NCO. "Only one brigade in the division receives that award. The award is for the brigade with the highest percentage of current station stabilization for reenlistments."

Current station stabilization means that Soldiers reenlist to stay where they are. They do not reenlist to go to another duty station. Instead, they want to continue being a part of the team they are on.

"You get Soldiers what they want, and that is why they want to stay on the team," said Command Sgt. Maj. Clifton Johnson, the command sergeant major of the 3rd Sustainment Bde. "Everything we do affects retention. Soldiers do not want to stay on a team that is not good. The encouraging thing about Provider Soldiers is that most of them reenlist to stay on the team. They want to stay right here with the 87th (Combat Sustainment Support Battalion), the 260th (Quartermaster Battalion), the 13th (Combat Sustainment Support Battalion), and the STB. That says that you guys



Staff Sgt. Tanya Polk

Colonel Shawn Morrissey, 3rd Sustainment Brigade commander, presents the Marne Strong Award to Master Sgt. Mike Harris, retention NCO for the 3rd Sustainment Bde., with Command Sgt. Maj. Clifton Johnson, command sergeant major for the 3rd Sustainment Bde., during the retention awards ceremony, Nov. 24.

are doing it the right way."

The 3rd Sustainment Brigade received the Marne Strong Award, on behalf of Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, commander of the 3rd Infantry Division, and Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse Andrews, command sergeant major of the 3rd ID.

"Soldiers reenlist in your organization because you're taking the time, the individual time," said Col. Shawn Morrissey, commander of the 3rd Sustainment Bde. "That is often frustrating, but it matters. You teach, you coach, you mentor and you love. If you love your Army and love

your organization, people want to stay and they are in your organization. Retention is about leadership, caring, and compassion, and that emanates from you guys. I take my hat off to you. I'm proud to be your brigade commander. Keep up the great work."

FLIGHT

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"With the 164th EAS being attached to the CAB, it allows us to accomplish the missions in a timelier manner than having to work through the 'big' Air Force," said Staff Sgt. Billy Turner, one of the air movement request noncommissioned officers with TF Marne's G3 (Operations) Air Section. "The 164th EAS provides an additive, not replacement capability, allowing us

to accomplish more missions when adverse conditions, such as weather, would ground rotary-wing aircraft."

The two-month long test program is appearing to be a success for all parties involved. Colonel Gary McCue, the 164th EAS division liaison officer to TF Marne, is very pleased with the progress of the program.

"I think the program is much more successful than we imagined," he said. "I really thought that it would be more difficult than it has been. I thought there would be more hurdles that would have to be overcome before we were flying, but we were flying missions for TF Marne within one week of arriving."

As the test program comes to a close near the end of the year, the

results will be compiled and findings on the mission's successfulness will be briefed to the higher levels of command in the Army, Air Force and the Department of Defense. This program may well be the beginning of a new stronger partnership between Soldiers and their Air Force brethren and the faster movement of Soldiers and their equipment on the battlefield.



Ft. Stewart/Hunter Morale, Welfare & Recreation

Lunch Programs Postponed

Club Stewart, Bldg. 405; Hunter Club, Bldg. 6015 – 1 Dec. thru First of New Year
Lunch programs at clubs will resume after the first of the year with a new concept. For more, call either club at 368-2212 (Stewart) or 459-7923 (Hunter). Marne and Stewart Lanes Bowling Centers both offer great lunch menus.

Hallstrom Lake Recreation Area Grand Opening @ HAAF

10 Dec., 2 p.m. – Hallstrom Lake Recreation Area off Perimeter Road
Ribbon-cutting ceremony followed by tour of area. See new area with paved parking, picnic pavilions, playgrounds, a walking path, rest rooms and floating boat dock. Paddle boat/canoe/kayak demonstrations and rides. Free samples of outdoor barbecue—theme foods in each pavilion. 315-9554

Holiday Turkey Shoots @ FS

10, 17 Dec., 4-8 p.m. – Stewart Skeet Range, Bldg. 8332
Turkey shoot consists of 3 types of shoots (traditional, poker and trap). Fees: Traditional (\$3 per shot) and Poker-5 shots (\$3 per person) all night long, plus Trap-1 shot (\$5 per person, one time only per individual/shoot till you miss) each night. Prizes awarded per category and door prizes given out. Turkey awarded for trap shoot only. 767-2515.

Trees for Troops @ FS & HAAF

11 Dec, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Stewart Leisure Activities Center, Bldg 443 & Hunter Auto Crafts, Bldg 1288.
Christmas trees donated by Christmas Spirit Foundation (representing Christmas tree growers/distributors) & FedEx distributed to Soldiers. One tree per military Family or single Soldier on "First-Come, First-Served" basis. No charge. If there are trees left over, they will be distributed Sat, 12 Dec. For availability, call (912) 977-5671 (FS) or 315-6244 (HAAF)



Lotts Island RV Campground Grand Opening @ HAAF

11 Dec., 11 a.m. – Lotts Island RV Campground off Lotts Island Road
Ribbon-cutting ceremony followed by tour. See new campground with cement pads, 16 camping spaces with all utilities, patio slabs with picnic tables and walking path. Several display campsites. Register to win free weekend stay at Lotts Island Campground with camper of their choice provided by Outdoor Recreation. 315-9554,

Holiday Hayride @ FS

11 Dec., 6-10 p.m. – Corkan Family Recreation Area
Enjoy season festivities with ones you love. Santa, caroling, hayride, season's lights, cookies, and more. Hayride ticket price \$5 per Family. All Corkan facilities open and operating at discounted prices to extend holiday spirit to our valued customers. Tickets at ticket counter.
For more information, call 767-9884.

Holiday Hayride @ HAAF

12 Dec., 5-8 p.m. – Hallstrom Lake Recreation Area (off Perimeter Road)
Another opportunity to enjoy season festivities with ones you love. Caroling, hayride, season's lights, outdoor movies, marshmallow roast, hot chocolate, popcorn, warm fire, and more. Hayride price \$5 per Family. Sign-up in advance at Equipment Checkout Center, Bldg 8454 (315-9554) or Pass & Permit Office, Bldg 1286 (315-5163).

Traditional Holiday Turkey Shoot @ HAAF

12 Dec., 12-3 p.m. – Hunter Skeet Range, Bldg. 8250
You could win a \$10 gift certificate or \$20 certificate good at HAAF Outdoor Recreation. Fees: \$3 per round- minimum of 10 shooters per round. For details, call 315-9554.

Holiday Sunday Brunch @ FS & HAAF

13 Dec., 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. – Club Stewart, Bldg. 405 and Hunter Club, Bldg. 6015
Menu features breakfast items and traditional Holiday favorites. Advanced tickets available from information counter at discounted rates (\$2 off for adults and \$1 off for children). No reservations required. Prices at door: CPL & below: \$12.95 for adults, \$6.45 for children (ages 5-10), children (under age 5) FREE! SGT & above (and all others): \$14.95 for adults, \$7.45 for children (ages 5-10), children (under age 5) FREE! 368-2212 (FS) or 459-7923(HAAF).



Holiday Safety: Keep yourself safe

Stephen W. Podmore

Directorate of Emergency Services

The six-week holiday season that begins with Thanksgiving weekend is historically the most dangerous time of the year. The DES- Physical Security Branch encourages you to use the following tips as guidelines as you prepare for the holidays.

At Home:

- Do not advertise that your spouse is gone.
- Ensure your doors and windows are locked at all times.
- Don't accept packages from unknown senders.
- When you are away from home, close drapes or blinds.
- Always leave a porch light on when you leave your home.
- Don't allow strangers into your home and do not give information to telephone solicitors.
- If you lose your house keys, notify your housing office representative immediately.

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- Don't leave spare keys where they can be found.
- Keep emergency numbers handy.
- After opening your gifts, break down the boxes to avoid revealing your purchases of expensive items.

When Shopping:

- Have your keys ready before you go into the parking lot to get in your car.
- Park in well lit, populated areas near your destination. Avoid parking near trucks, vans, dumpsters and other objects that obstruct visibility and provide hiding places.
- Avoid parking near strangers loitering or sitting in vehicles.
- Remember where you parked your car; write a note, if necessary.
- Do not flash large amounts of cash; use debit cards or checks.
- Use ATMs in stores or use them

from your car.

- Keep your cell phone charged and handy at all times.
- Don't leave purses or packages in view inside your vehicle.
- Ensure that your ID and credit cards are returned to you before leaving a store.

After Shopping:

- Walk out of the store with other people. There is safety in numbers.
- Avoid shopping when you are tired and less alert.
- Ask for a security escort to your vehicle if you have a lot of packages or are leaving at night.
- Look around and inside your vehicle as your approach it.
- Keep your purse in your hand or on your shoulder – do not leave it in the cart while you are loading packages into your vehicle.

When Traveling:

- Have someone keep an eye on your home.
- Mark all of your valuables and record the serial numbers
- Keep at least one light on inside or use time-activated lights.
- Notify the police station and ask for a quarters check.
- If you will be away for an extended time period, have someone pick up your mail/newspapers or stop delivery.
- Keep at least a half a tank of gas in your vehicle at all times.
- Be cautious with strangers and be aware of your surroundings.
- Plan your trip and make reservations ahead of time.
- Pack emergency supplies in your vehicles – water, blankets, food.
- Make plenty of rest stops – stretch.
- Keep your cell phone charged.

Next Week: Holiday safety on the road.

Stork Craft recalls 2.1 million drop-side cribs

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Stork Craft Manufacturing Inc., of British Columbia, Canada, announced the voluntary recall of more than 2.1 million Stork Craft drop-side cribs, including about 147,000 Stork Craft drop-side cribs with the Fisher-Price logo. The recall involves approximately 1,213,000 units distributed in the United States and 968,000 units distributed in Canada.

The CPSC urges parents and caregivers to immediately stop using the recalled cribs, wait for the free repair kit, and do not attempt to fix the cribs without the kit. They should find an alternative, safe sleeping environment for their baby. Consumers should contact Stork Craft to

receive a free repair kit that converts the drop-side on these cribs to a fixed side.

The cribs' drop-side plastic hardware can break, deform, or parts can become missing. In addition, the drop-side can be installed upside-down, which can result in broken or disengaged plastic parts. All of these problems can cause the drop-side to detach in one or more corners. When the drop-side detaches, it creates space between the drop-side and the crib mattress. The bodies of infants and toddlers can become entrapped in the space, which can lead to suffocation. Complete detachment of drop-sides can lead to falls from the crib.

This recall involves Stork Craft drop-side cribs and Stork Craft drop-side cribs with the Fisher-Price logo. This recall does not involve any cribs that do not have a drop-side. This recall does not involve any cribs with metal rod drop-

side hardware. It involves only those cribs with plastic trigger and one-hand-system drop-side hardware.

This recall includes Stork Craft cribs with manufacturing and distribution dates between January 1993 and October 2009. This recall also includes Stork Craft cribs with the Fisher-Price logo that have manufacturing dates between October 1997 and December 2004. The Stork Craft cribs with the Fisher-Price logo were first sold in the U.S. in July 1998 and in Canada in September 1998. The cribs were sold in various styles and finishes. The manufacture date, model number, crib name, country of origin, and the firm's name, address, and contact information are located on the assembly instruction sheet attached to the mattress support board. The firm's insignia "storkcraft baby" or "storkling" is inscribed on the drop-side teething rail of some cribs. In Stork Craft

cribs that contain the "Fisher-Price" logo, this logo can be found on the crib's teething rail, in the manufacturer's instructions, on the assembly instruction sheet attached to the mattress support board, and on the end panels of the Twinkle-Twinkle and Crystal crib models.

Major retailers in the United States and Canada sold the recalled cribs, including BJ's Wholesale Club, J.C. Penney, Kmart, Meijer, Sears, USA Baby, and Walmart stores and online at Amazon.com, Babiesrus.com, Costco.com, Target.com, and Walmart.com from January 1993 through October 2009, for between \$100 and \$400.

The cribs were manufactured in Canada, China and Indonesia.

For additional information, contact Stork Craft toll-free at (877) 274-0277 any-time to order the free repair kit, or log on to www.storkcraft.com.

Education Matters



College classes open to all

The upcoming Fall II term dates, both on-post and distance learning classes, are listed below. Some courses are offered during the day. Classes are open to both the military and civilian communities. Please contact the college directly for course schedules and enrollment information.

Central Texas College – Jan. 11-March 5; Stewart, 767-2070; Hunter, 315-4090

Columbia College – Jan. 11-March 6; Stewart, 767-5336; Hunter, 352-8635

Embry Riddle – Jan. 11-March 14; Stewart, 767-3930; Hunter, 352-5252

Webster University – Jan. 4-March 4; Stewart, 767-5357; Hunter, 354-0033

Savannah Tech College – Jan. 6-March 19; Stewart, 408-2430

Transition-to-Teaching sessions slated

The Georgia Troops to Teachers Program provides federal funding to qualified servicemembers of up to \$10,000 for becoming public school teachers. Bill Kirkland conducts monthly Transition to Teaching 90-minute classes that consist of an overview of programs, registration procedures and Georgia teacher certification options.

This includes the Georgia Teacher Alternative Preparation Program, a two-year program that allows those with bachelor degrees to teach and certify at the same time. Military spouses are invited, but they must register in "My CAA" for financial support. The briefing begins at 10 a.m. and is held at the education center at Fort Stewart. Scheduled sessions are Dec. 16, Jan. 20 and Feb. 17. Call 1-800-745-0709 for more information. The official Web site is www.tttga.net.

Teaching certification seminar offered

The Liberty Center Director of Teacher Education Program will conduct Georgia teacher certification seminars focusing on the Armstrong Atlantic State University Master of Arts in teaching program.

The M.A.T. allows those eligible individuals to pursue a graduate degree and obtain initial teacher certification in Georgia. The monthly sessions are held at 5 p.m. at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center. The next seminar will be held on Dec. 16. For more information, please contact Don Stumpf at 877-1910 or e-mail Don.Stumpf@armstrong.edu.

Columbia College offers spouse discount

Spouses of military personnel can take their first classroom course (in-seat) free while they complete their financial aid paperwork and enrollment procedures with Columbia College. The active duty spouse does not have to be taking classes with Columbia College. In addition, they will be granted a 20-percent discount for all future classes held at the education center. For more details, call 877-3406 at Stewart or 352-8635 for Hunter.

South University to visit

Savannah's South University will have a representative on hand Dec. 7 between 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center lobby to meet with current or prospective students. Of special interest is the new accelerated Masters of Business Administration program. This 12-month program is available to anyone that has a bachelor degree. Classes are held two Saturdays a month. For additional information, contact Amy Cordes at acordes@southuniversity.edu or call (912) 433-1495.

Educational funding available to spouses

The Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts Program, "MyCAA" is for military spouses of active duty and activated Guard and Reserve servicemembers.

This centralized, virtual program provides counseling and funding up to \$6,000, to assist with licensure, certification or education opportunities leading to portable employment opportunities, trade programs or college degrees. You may use the school of your choice, either selecting classroom or on-line delivery. All on-post and most area schools participate.

This process is all done on-line and by phone with Military One Source 1-800-342-9647. For complete details and to initiate an account, click on <https://aiportal.acc.af.mil/mycaa>.

Source available for Post-9/11 GI Bill

The Post-9/11 GI Bill, Chapter 33, is a non-contributory benefit (no up-front payment required by Soldiers) for those who served on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001. The Veterans Administration Web site at www.gibill.va.gov provides in-depth eligibility information and a link to the on-line application. It also includes all information and steps concerning transferability to Family Members.

Individuals currently eligible for benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty or other similar programs, can continue under their program or make the decision to transfer to the Post-9/11 GI Bill. Since the choice is irrevocable, it will not be possible to switch back to the previous VA benefit program. It is recommended that you research the differences by clicking on the "More About the Post-9/11 GI Bill" bar and then selecting the benefit comparison chart link. Also try www.gibill.va.gov/CH33Estimator, which calculates the eligible tuition, fees and housing allowance for your zip code. If you have questions after exploring the Web site, call 888-442-4551.

E-mail counselor-support made available

Need to reach an Army education counselor, even while deployed? Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield education centers offer a one-stop e-mail address to help. Just contact them via e-mail at stewcounselor@conus.army.mil.

Take CLEP, DANTES exams

College Level Examination Program and DANTES Subject Standardized Tests are available on post. Call Columbia College at 767-7558 for more information and testing dates. The exams are free for military personnel. CLEP tests are \$92 and DSSTs are \$100 for non-military examinees.

Holiday Festival at Stewart

Dec. 11 • 6 - 10 p.m.

Bring the Family and come to the annual Corkan Family Recreation Area holiday celebration from 6-10 p.m., Dec. 11. You'll enjoy festive decorations, cookies and hot chocolate and a hayride pulling your Family to view the lights in the community. That's not to mention that Santa and all his friends will be here to make your experience exceptional. The cost is \$5 per Family for the hayride.

All Corkan Family Recreation facilities will be open and operating at discount prices to extend the holiday spirit to our valued customers.

Call 767-9884 for more information.

Weekend dining facility hours posted

The Fort Stewart weekend dining facility for Dec. 5-6 is Provider Dining Facility, building 726. Fort Stewart dining facility weekend serving hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for brunch, and 3:30-5:30 p.m. for supper. The Hunter Army Airfield weekend dining facility for Dec. 5-6 is the 1/75 Ranger Dining Facility, building 110. Hunter Army Airfield dining facility weekend serving hours are 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for brunch, and 4:30-6 p.m. for supper.

The Warrior Transition Battalion Dining Facility, building 12902/02 in the National Guard training area, will be open Dec. 5-6. The WTB serving hours are breakfast, 8-9:30 a.m.; lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and dinner, 5-6:30 p.m.

STEWART

Bridges closed

Bridges 3 and 4 (vicinity MR 381290) will be closed for repair. This repair will close Fort Stewart Road 40 (tank trail) from north of the intersection with FS 38 vicinity of the Rail Marshaling Area to Georgia Highway 144 West. This closure will last until March 3, 2010, or until repairs are completed.

Newman parking lot closing

Newman Fitness Center has begun parking lot renovation. Motorists are encouraged to be alert to changes in parking. Construction will be in two phases to accommodate parking and access to building. For more information, call Teddy Kelley at 767-0226.

Apprenticeship program opens

The Fort Stewart HIRED! Apprenticeship Program is hosting its "Newbie" Session for candidates for the January Term. If you or a teen (15 - 18) that you know is interested in attending, please call 767 - 4494 and tell us, "I WANT TO GET HIRED!"

Who: HIRED!
 What: Newbie Session; Prerequisites for New Candidates
 Date: Dec. 12
 Time: noon to 7 p.m.
 Location: Bryan Village Youth Center

RSVP: Required

Why: In order for teens to be accepted into HIRED, they must complete these prerequisites.

East 7th Street closed

East 7th St., between French Rd. and Niles Ave., is closed due to the construction of the new Soldier Family Assistance Center.

Detour signs and traffic control devices will be displayed for the duration of the construction. Motorists are encouraged to avoid this area to minimize traffic congestion and to be alert to changes in traffic patterns around the area. Call 228-7451 for more information.

Bryan Village gas kiosk now open 24/7

The Bryan Village Gas Station now offers fueling 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

For more information, contact Dottie Robinson-Tramuel, branch store manager, at 368-2237.

Gingerbread Project slated for Hays Library

Look for this Special Gingerbread House project at George P Hays Library, building 411, in partnership with Child, Youth and School Services EDGE Program from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Thursdays, today, Dec. 10 and 17. Your children will hear stories about gingerbread and construct a gingerbread house. Remember that parents need to enroll youth at CYSS Central Registration at 767-2312. Space is limited, so register early. For more information, call 767-1341

West Memorial Drive closed

The East-bound lane of West Memorial Drive in Hinesville will be closed to all traffic from General Stewart Way to Welborn Street for roadway construction. The West-bound lane will be open to local traffic, all businesses and properties will remain accessible during construction.

Shop of the Marne host Author Nights

Shop of the Marne will host "Army Wives" author Tanya Biank, from 4-7 p.m. tomorrow. Bring your personal copy of the book or purchase a copy at Shop of the Marne. Contact Jamie at 767-9268 for details.

Local author Katherine Marris, "IWish, A Good Book for Pondering," will be signing books at the Shop of the

Marne from 4-7 p.m., Dec. 11. "IWish: A Good Book for Pondering" was named one of the Top 10 Gifts of the Atlanta Market. Contact Jamie at 767-9268 for details.

HUNTER

Hunter gas kiosk has new hours

A new gas kiosk is now open at Hunter, located at 8804 S. Perimeter Rd., by Rio Gate. Hours of operation are: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday-Friday; and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

Tuttle optometry clinic open

Having problems reading this? Then maybe you are one of 1,000 who need to pick-up your glasses at the Tuttle Army Health Clinic Optometry Clinic.

If you have received a phone call from Tuttle's Optometry Clinic stating that your glasses/inserts are ready, simply stop-by and pick-up weekdays after 1 p.m. If you need to inquire about your glasses, call after 1 p.m.

**Balfour Beatty
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Cell phones available for Soldiers

Help Soldiers overseas call home. By donating any old cell phone, you can help provide calling cards for Soldiers serving overseas.

The phones are sent to ReCellular, which pays Cell Phones for Soldiers for each donated phone—enough to provide an hour of talk time to Soldiers abroad. Drop-off boxes are located at Balfour Beatty Communities Liberty Woods Leasing Office and the Southern Oaks Community Center at Fort Stewart, and Balfour Beatty Communities Management Office and the New Savannah/New Callaway Community Center at Hunter.

For more information about events, contact your LifeWorks Coordinator, Amber Humphries at 408-2478 or ahumphries@bbcgrp.com.



<p>Hunter Burger King: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p>Blimpie's: Monday-Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed Saturday - Sunday</p> <p>WTU Shoppette: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed on holidays, open on training holidays</p> <p>Godfather's Pizza: Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed Saturday and Sunday</p> <p>Manchu Wok: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.</p>	<p>to 4 p.m.; closed Saturday and Sunday</p> <p>Hunter Popeye's: Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.</p> <p>Bryan Village Shoppette: Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.</p> <p>Troop Brigade: Monday-Friday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.</p> <p>Hospital Shoppette: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; closed on holidays and training holidays</p>
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<p>Main Shoppette: Monday-Friday 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday 9-10 a.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.</p> <p>Hunter Gas Kiosk: Monday-Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.</p> <p>Stewart Popeye's: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.</p> <p>Stewart MCSS: Monday-Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; closed Sunday</p>	<p><i>For more information, please call (912) 876-8880.</i></p>
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Wreaths for Warriors Walk



Warriors Walk is the Fort Stewart living memorial that borders Cottrell Field on two sides, and consists of three meandering sidewalks and 421 Eastern Redbud trees.

Each tree represents a 3rd Infantry Division Soldier who has made the ultimate sacrifice defending our nation's freedom. A granite marker identifies each Soldier and a single spotlight illuminates skyward, giving the cool night air a respective glow. Family and friends visit this hallowed ground, leaving flowers and pictures and mementoes reflecting a remembrance of love, which will never fade.

Wreaths for Warriors Walk, a local nonprofit organization comprised of Fort Stewart employees, veterans and local volunteers, was founded in 2007 with the goal of placing a holiday wreath at each of the trees along Warriors Walk. In 2007, about 500 people attended the inaugural event. In 2008, an estimated 3,000 people,

including 200 Family Members of fallen Soldiers, attended the second-annual ceremony.

At noon on Dec. 12, Wreaths for Warriors Walk will hold the 3rd Annual Wreath Ceremony to honor each of these fallen heroes. The ceremony will begin with a moment of silence, which coincides with the national wreath laying ceremony in Arlington Cemetery. The national anthem will resonate among the trees and guest speakers will commemorate this special day. The somber, reflective ceremony will culminate with Family Members, fellow Soldiers, friends and guests placing individual wreaths at the base of each and every one of the 421 trees.

To sponsor a wreath for \$15, to volunteer or for more information, visit the event Web site at www.w4ww.org. You can also hear the specially arranged song "400 Names at Warriors Walk" and see a video set to the Tim McGraw song, "If You're Reading This."

HOLIDAY MAILING DEADLINES

DESTINATION	EXPRESS	1st CLASS	PRIORITY	PAL	SAM	PARCEL POST
APO/FPO AE 090- 092	Dec. 18	Dec. 11	Dec. 11	Dec. 4		
APO/FPO AE 093	N/A	Dec. 4	Dec. 4	Past		
APO/FPO AE 094-098	Dec. 18	Dec. 11	Dec. 11	Dec. 4		
APO/FPO AE 340	Dec. 18	Dec. 11	Dec. 11	Dec. 4		
APO/FPO AE 962-966	Dec. 18	Dec. 11	Dec. 11	Dec. 4		

The deadline for sending Parcel Post and SAM items in time for the holidays has past.

EMMS: Express Mail Military Service is available to selected post offices. Check with your local Post Office to determine if this service is available to your APO/FPO of address.

PAL: PAL is a service that provides air transportation for parcels on a space-available basis. It is available for Parcel Post items not exceeding 30 pounds in weight or 60 inches in length and girth combined. The applicable PAL fee must be paid in addition to the regular surface rate of postage for each addressed piece sent by PAL service.

SAM: SAM parcels are paid at Parcel Post postage rate of postage maximum weight and size limits of 15 pounds and 60 inches in length and girth combined. SAM parcels are first transported domestically by surface and then overseas destinations by air on a space-available basis.



LEGAL NOTICE

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of **Chief Warrant Officer Michael Montgomery**, B Co., 3rd Bn., 160th SOAR (A), Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., 31409, please contact Capt. Steve Bozovich, C Co., 3rd Bn., 160th SOAR (A), Hunter Army Airfield, (912) 315-8814.

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of **Sgt. Nickolas Mueller**, B Co., 3rd Bn., 160th SOAR (A), Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., 31409, please contact Chief Warrant Officer Brandon Phillips, 160th SOAR (A), Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., 31409, (912) 315-8781.

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of **Sgt. Josue Hernandez-Chavez**, 160th SOAR (A), Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., 31409, please contact Chief Warrant Officer Wayne Burtis, 160th SOAR (A), Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., 31409, (912) 315-8385.

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of **Chief Warrant Officer Niall Lyons**, 160th SOAR (A), Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., 31409, please contact Chief Warrant Officer Christopher Galemore, 160th SOAR (A), Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., 31409, (912) 315-8836.

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of **Staff Sgt. Shawn McNabb**, 160th SOAR (A), Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., 31409, please contact Chief Warrant Officer Tracy Flewellen, 160th SOAR (A), Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., 31409, (912) 315-7609.

Anyone having any claims, or who is indebted to the estate of **Staff Sgt. James R. Stright** of C Co., 3/160th SOAR (A) should contact the Summary Court Officer, Capt. Robert Harless via the SDO at (912) 315-7680.

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Coverage Areas:

Tow to Go program is available throughout Florida and in Metro Atlanta, Savannah, and Metro Nashville now through New Year's Day Weekend, 2009 Tow to Go Holiday Schedule. Since its inception in 1998, "Tow to Go" has safely removed more than 8,600 drunk drivers from the roads and is celebrating its 10-year anniversary.

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Prayer luncheon brings leaders together

Spc. Dustin Gautney
2nd HBCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE MAREZ, Iraq – Leaders from 2nd “Spartan” Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division celebrated togetherness, brotherhood and sisterhood during a prayer luncheon held at FOB Marez dining facility, Nov. 20.

The prayer luncheon, which was the first hosted by the Spartan Brigade since their arrival in Iraq, gave unit leaders the opportunity to give thanks during the holidays and to celebrate unity of service.

“Even though some of us wear different patches on our shoulders, we share the same uniform; that is what makes us a Family,”

said Col. Charles E. A. Sexton, commander, 2nd HBCT, and keynote speaker for the event.

Colonel Sexton reinforced to all in attendance that every Soldier is a blessing, regardless of faith.

“Remind yourself and your Soldiers how much of a blessing they are, and to use the power which is bestowed onto you as a leader for good things,” he said.

Colonel Sexton also told the crowd of the significance of the month of November to all who wear the 3rd ID Marne patch.

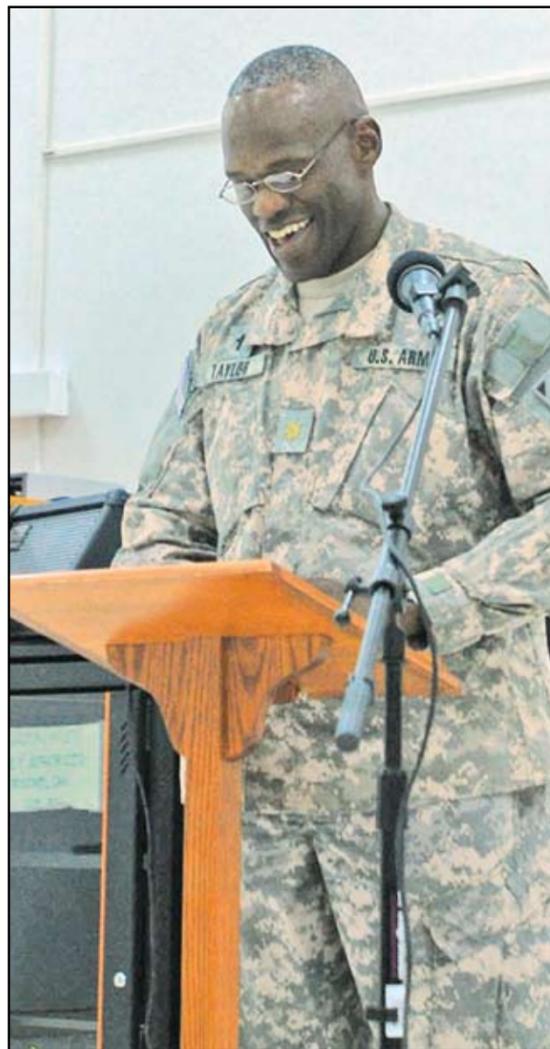
“November is very special to the 3rd Infantry Division: it is the birth month of the 3rd ID; it was the month that saw the end of World War I, as well as marked the month the 3rd Division crossed

the Rhine River in World War II,” said Col. Sexton.

Spartan Brigade Chaplain, Maj. Sid Taylor, said that having prayer luncheons were especially important for the unit leaders to provide spiritual fitness to help leaders make decisions.

“The prayer luncheon is another tool that chaplains can use to reinforce unit leaders with the spiritual fitness and fortitude to help leaders during the decision process and make sound decisions for the Soldiers,” Chap. Taylor said.

The monthly luncheon, open to all servicemembers of FOB Marez, features prayer and music provided by the Veterans Chapel Praise Band, said Chaplain Taylor.



Photos by Spc. Dustin Gautney

ABOVE: Chaplain (Maj.) Sid Taylor, 2nd HBCT, 3rd ID says a prayer during a prayer luncheon held at FOB Marez, Iraq, Nov. 20.



LEFT: Soldiers from FOB Marez, Iraq, come together through prayer during a prayer luncheon held at FOB Marez, Nov. 20.

3RD ID RUN/WALK TO, FROM IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN

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Canine Soldiers train to defeat enemy

Spc. Michael Adams

Task Force Marne Public Affairs

CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE SPEICHER, TIKRIT, Iraq – Theirs is an elite unit, full of dedicated Soldiers who continuously train to take the enemy down. Their success has gone largely unnoticed, but they have done everything from take down some of the biggest enemies of freedom to finding countless improvised explosive devices.

These Soldiers are quicker, more agile, more flexible and can accomplish a number of missions your average humans can't – because they're not human. They are the dogs of the Contingency Operating Base Speicher Canine Kennel Unit.

On Nov. 29, Soldiers with Task Force Marne volunteered to participate in weekly training for these canines – by getting bit. They put on protective suits and helped the dogs train by getting attacked while wearing the gear.

Sergeant First Class Jack, a canine with the COB Speicher canine unit, was one of the animals who took part in the required weekly training. The dogs of the kennel unit are given a higher rank than their trainer. While there is no official reason, there are many legends as to why dogs are given a higher rank. One of the most accepted is that no Soldier is supposed to strike their superior and, if a trainer mishandles a dog he, or she will be treated as if a superior was struck.

Sergeant First Class Jack eagerly attacked all of the volunteers, regardless of their rank, making himself a quicker runner and a better biter in the process. While he enjoyed the training, the volunteers got a lot out of the event as well.

"It definitely gets the adrenaline pumping," said Capt. Philip Balliet, aviation current operations officer in charge for TF Marne. "It's exciting from start to finish. When you're looking, they have you turn away and run, and you can't see the dogs coming, all you do is hear it. Then all of a sudden, the dog makes contact with you.

"When he makes contact, you're pretty much helpless. You're on the way to the ground so you're at the mercy of the dog. We have some pretty good equipment that they provided us. You just have to trust it and it protects you very well from the dog bite. I had a great time."

Captain Balliet didn't come out just to get the adrenaline rush. He came out to see something he hasn't seen while wearing the uniform.

"I came out here to experience a side of the Army I don't usually see," Captain Balliet said. "I love dogs and I thought interaction with a military working dog would allow me to see what they do on a daily basis and allow them to get their weekly exercise."

Sergeant First Class Jack's trainer, Staff Sgt. Mark Maedge, a Troy, Ill., native and the kennelmaster for COB Speicher and program manager for Task Force

Marne, wanted troops to realize the sacrifices these dogs make and what they have accomplished.

"They're out there sniffing for bombs and explosives," said Staff Sgt. Maedge. "They're out there in front of the troops. When units use a military working dog, it's a combat multiplier. It's another aspect of the combat mission they didn't know they had. The dog can sniff more explosives and do more than an actual person can do. They're great at their job. A lot of the people don't know we have the dogs out there but we're here to help units."

While Staff Sgt. Maedge admires his dog on a professional level, he has become friends with his boss as well.

"A handler and his dog have a very close relationship," said Staff Sgt. Maedge. "They can almost read each other's minds in certain situations. A handler learns how to read his dog and same thing with the dog. The dog notices that something's wrong with the handler, and then the dog reacts to that."

While Staff Sgt. Maedge works hard to get his senior NCO ready for war, he appreciates his work and the dogs he trains.

"I love my job," he said. "I love working with dogs. It's a team building effort. You get to meet different people all the time. You get to learn the breakdown of dogs. You get to train dogs, different types of dogs.

I'm just a dog lover."

Sergeant First Class Jack was tired after the training and immediately went to his cage to rest after the event concluded. He could not be reached for comment.

Every week, TF Marne picks a "Dog" Face Hero. This is the canine in U.S. Division-North that does an outstanding job in serving their country.

The award is to give recognition of all the four-legged Soldiers' accomplishments, alongside their two-legged battle buddies.



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Captain Philip Balliet, an aviation operations officer with Task Force Marne volunteers to be bitten by "Sgt. 1st Class" Jack, a dog with the Contingency Operating Base Speicher Canine Unit, during patrol and bite training at Speicher, Nov. 29.



Sergeant Candice Kerns, an administration specialist with Task Force Marne, volunteers to be bitten by "Sgt. 1st Class" Jack, a dog with the Contingency Operating Base Speicher Canine Unit, during patrol and bite training at Speicher, Nov. 29.

Spartans meet, develop relationship with Iraqi Security Forces

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FORWARD OPERATING BASE MAREZ, Iraq – After only being on the ground for a week, 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery Regiment “Battle Kings,” 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers met their Iraqi counterparts, during a partnership dinner hosted by 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, and 1st Cavalry Division, held at the FOB Marez, Iraq, dining facility, Nov. 20.

During the dinner, “The Battle Kings,” who are tasked to replace 3/8 Cav., 3rd HBCT, 1st Cav. Div., saw firsthand the great working relationship between 3/8 Cav. Soldiers and ISF.

According to 1/9 FA battalion commander, Lt. Col. Thomas Williams, 2nd HBCT Soldiers plan to pick up where 3/8 Cav. Soldiers left off.

“We are definitely going to maintain the relationship that the 3/8 Cavalry Soldiers have already established with the ISF; we’ll continue to build it up and work together to get the job done,” said Lt. Col. Williams.

According to Capt. Bryan Frizzelle, Headquarters and Headquarters Company commander, 3/8 Cav., working closely with Iraqi Security Forces made their mission to stabilize and assist north-

ern Iraq much easier to accomplish.

“When we first got to Iraq, western Mosul was one of the worst areas in Iraq,” he said. “By being able to all work together as one big team, the violence and disarray in Mosul has declined significantly. We just wanted to take tonight, over a bite of food, to thank our counterparts for all their efforts and to introduce them to the next group of Soldiers they’ll be working beside.”

Captain Frizzelle said he is sure that the 1/9 FA Soldiers will do a great job working with the ISF to complete the overall mission in Iraq.

“(The) 1/9 FA has a lot of experienced guys,” said Capt. Frizzelle. “Most of them have deployed a time or two already, so they already have a great sense of the culture here. I know they will have no problem building an even stronger partnership with the ISF. They’ll undoubtedly continue to make great things happen here in Iraq.”

After enjoying dinner and conversation, leaders from the ISF and the U.S. Army came together to cut the cake, symbolizing not only the ending of the dinner, but also the beginning of another beneficial partnership between U.S. and Iraqi security forces.

Brigadier General Majid, Mosul Federal Police Brigade commander, said that he enjoyed working with the 3/8 Cavalry Soldiers and looked forward to partnering with the 1/9 FA Soldiers.

“We appreciate the sincere efforts made by Lieutenant Colonel Brooks and his Soldiers,” said Brig. Gen. Majid. “We wish them a safe trip home to their Families, and we wish much success to the 1/9 FA Soldiers and their mission here.”

Following the dinner, 3/8 Cav. Commander, Lt. Col. Phil Brooks, handed out awards and spurs to the ISF, a gesture that expressed thanks for the great partnership already established and goodwill that it will continue for 1/9 FA’s deployment.



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Above: Brigadier General Majid, Mosul Federal Police Brigade, and other members of the Iraqi Security Forces prepare their plates during a partnership dinner hosted by 3/8 Cav., 3rd HBCT, 1st Cav. Div. Soldiers to introduce the ISF to their new partners, 1/9 FA, 2nd HBCT, 3rd ID Soldiers in the dining facility at FOB Marez, Nov. 20.

U.S. Army Soldiers converse with Iraqi Security Forces during a partnership dinner hosted by 3/8 Cav., 3rd HBCT, 1st Cav. Div. Soldiers in which the ISF met 1/9 FA, 3rd ID Soldiers at the dining facility on FOB Marez, Nov. 20.

